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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM

1030-062

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS  
UNDER 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4)

(Subject)

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to further delegate the authority of the Secretary under section 759A of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4), to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and any other organization or individual to improve the coordination and effectiveness of Federal programs, services, and actions affecting rural areas, including establishing and financing of interagency groups, as long as the objectives of the agreement serve the mutual interest of the parties in rural development activities.

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**DELEGATION**

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The Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services is hereby delegated the authority vested in the Secretary under 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4) in order to support programs under Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, and other conservation programs delegated to the Under Secretary. This authority is further delegated through the Under Secretary to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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**EXISTING DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY**

This delegation is in addition to prior delegation of this authority by the Secretary to the Under Secretary for Rural Development.

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**TERMINATION**

This Memorandum shall remain in effect for one year or until such time as published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate its provisions.

  
Mike Johanns  
Secretary

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